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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/035,990	REYNOLDS ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert R. Raevis	Art Unit 2856	

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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-65.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Upon reconsideration as required by the Remand mailed September 15, 2005, all of the independent claims are allowable in view of Applicant's Brief.

As to claim 1, the prior art neither teaches nor suggests the combination of a "torso section" (line 2) and at least one "cross-sectional section of the torso section" (line 5) "representing a cross-section of the torso and being generally at a right angle to the torso section" (lines 6-7) with remaining claim limitations. Applicant's claim 1 is interpreted in light of both the originally filed disclosure and his arguments in the Brief. In particular, Applicant's Brief states that the torso section and the cross-sectional section are "separate" (line 5 from bottom of p. 13 of the Brief), as contrasted with Kaptur's "single piece three-dimensional back pan 108" (underlining added, line 6 from bottom of p. 13 of Brief). Thus, the "cross-sectional section" "at a right angle" will be interpreted as structural component that is "separate" from that of the "torso section". Note was made of the "advantages" (line 3 from bottom of p. 13 of Brief), said "advantages" not being applicable to Kaptur which necessarily reproduces "the entire surface or contour of the torso" (last line of p. 13 of Brief).

Claims 9,11,15,40,51,60,61,62,63,64 and 65 each include the same three passages (i.e. "torso section", "cross-sectional section of the torso section" and "representing a cross-section of the torso and being generally at a right angle to the

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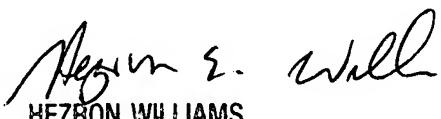
torso section") that of claim 1, and are allowable as the prior art neither teaches nor suggest the combination of those three passages with remaining claim limitations of each of claims 9,11,15,40,51,60,61,62,63,64 and 65.

All 65 claims are enabling with regard to the mechanical embodiment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert R. Raevs whose telephone number is 571-272-2204. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 5:30am to 3pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron Williams, can be reached on 571-272-2208. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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